



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN THE APPLICATION OF:

Applicant: Chikara Yamashita

Serial No.: 10/656,215

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For: DOOR SECURITY LATCH

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Examiner: Carlos Lugo

### PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

The Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks

P.O. Box 1450

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Sir:

This is an amendment made preliminary to the examination of the above-identified application. Kindly amend the claims as indicated below.